

Minutes of Unit 157 Board Meeting.....24 May 2014

Attendees:

Frank Cook, Unit President
Michael DeVivo, Unit Vice-President
Len Block, Unit Treasurer
Dianne Wammack, Birmingham DBC Representative
Joanne Angell, Birmingham DBC Representative
Robert Whiting, Over Doubled Waters DBC Representative
Michael D. Lawson, Montgomery DBC Representative
Linda Goble, Montgomery DBC Representative
Jerri Taylor (for Jo Ann Maddox), Montgomery DBC Representative
Clair Chisler, ACBL Representative, Montgomery
Don Kemp, Bridge Club of Anniston Representative
Harvey Hayes, Tri-County, Tallassee Representative
O.T. Johnson, At-large Representative from MDBC

The meeting was called to order by Frank Cook, Unit President.

Old Business.

The following items were discussed:

- The minutes from previous board meeting were reviewed. Discussion ensued re whether or not previous minutes should have reflected that board had requested Abe Zanayed to provide a financial statement for his tournament. Frank Cook stated that he would ask Abe to provide such information. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and passed.
- Len Block presented the treasurer's report. A motion to accept the report was made, seconded and passed.

New Business:

- A request was made for a show of hands of people playing bridge that evening. Dinner is not being provided, so meeting will need to be short to accommodate those wishing to play this evening.
- Sandy Smith and Dennis Luft have provided information for educational expenses to be forwarded to District 10 Educational Liaison Dick Heil for reimbursement. Frank Cook will forward.
- Discussion ensued about whether Birmingham Bridge Club had been reimbursed any monies from the Unit when BDBC had purchased their building. It was determined such had not occurred. Montgomery Bridge Club is possibly buying a new building and had asked about any monies that might be available. It was determined there was none.
- Discussion ensued about the process of becoming a 501C3 for any possible tax gains. It was determined that becoming a 501C3 is an arduous process. O. T. Johnson pursued this discussion for the possibility of the Unit becoming 501C3. There being no volunteers for this effort and there being no one who knew of any other Unit being such, the idea was tabled.
- O. T. Johnson thanked the members of the Unit Board for their thoughts and concerns during his wife's illness.
- O. T. Johnson asked that we, as a Unit, again confirm with ACBL headquarters about who has the right to vote in elections. He indicated there may be an upcoming vote.
- Mention was made that it is time for new officers. Frank Cook asked how it had been handled in previous years and was told that President appoints a nominating committee. After meeting adjourned, Frank Cook asked that Don Kemp, Linda Goble and Robert Whiting be on that committee. They accepted. Len Block mentioned that he would be moving and would not continue to serve as Treasurer.
- There being no further items of new business, Frank called for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Iris Bjorn, Unit Secretary _